

Wild Flower Well Members Meeting

The meeting came to order at 6:15 pm.

Board Members in attendance.

David Carr President

Ben Mendola Vice President

Tami Ballinger Treasurer

Linda Mayne-Degnan Secretary

Johnathan Albright Director/member at large

Kevin Degnan President in training

Members in attendance.

David Shreves

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Clyde Mitter

Wildflower Co-op Members meeting came to order at 6:15 pm. Besides all board members and Kevin Degnan, president in training, Ron Molina from the Rural Water The association and three Wildflower members were also in attendance.

First order of business Treasurer Tami Ballinger read the financials. Contingency Fund has 40,000.00 dollars at Vantage West. The operating fund has 4,402.01 at Vantage West. The improvement fund has 190.00 dollars, and Chase account has 2896.05 dollars for a total of 44,503.34 on hand. Improvement funds are soon to be dissolved. A Chase account is used to deposit water usage money collected by Southwest.

Second order of business. Vice President Ben Mendola discussed the well repairs. BJ Drilling to install the new liner. Repairs are scheduled to start on January 6th. The repairs will hopefully take from two weeks to a month to complete. The estimated cost of repairs is 21,250 dollars. Emergency water cost members 8 cents a gallon. Members

will be expected to conserve water as they have done in the past for emergencies. Water bills are 100% paid and 99% were on time. Cleaning meters are the members responsibility. There will be a 35-dollar cleaning fee if we have to clean it.

Third order of business, Dave showed the Certificate of Recognition award given to the Wildflower Water Co-op for their dedicated effort in improving their water system from the USDA. The USDA approved a 30,000-dollar engineering grant. This grant is 100% forgivable. The USDA grant that we are applying for the distribution lines is 75% forgivable. Dave said we may be able to get a secondary grant as well. More improvements need to be made, such as replacing distribution lines, replacing meters, and drilling a second well.

Fourth order of business Ron Molina from the USDA spoke about David Carr's excellent proactive service as president of the Wildflower Board. Molina went on say that the community is well served by the board. He also stated the RWA is behind you. Dave asked if our members had any questions. Clyde asked how many members were on the well. Dave said 66 are active meters and a total of 72 connections.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Meeting minutes approved by:


David Carr

President/CEO

Wildflower Water Co-op

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MEETING

December 17, 2024
David



WILD FLOWER BOARD MEMBERS

- President- David Carr
 - Vice-President- Ben Mendola
 - Treasurer – Tami Ballinger
 - Secretary- Linda Mayne-Degan
 - Director/Member at Large – Johnathan Albright
 - Kevin Degan to take office as President in August 2025
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FINANCIALS

- 1. Contingency Fund- \$40,101.33
(Vantage West)
- 2. Operating Funds-
\$4,402.01(Vantage West)
- 3. Improvement Funds- \$190.69
- 4. Chase- \$2896.05
- 5. Total cash on hand- **\$44,503.34**

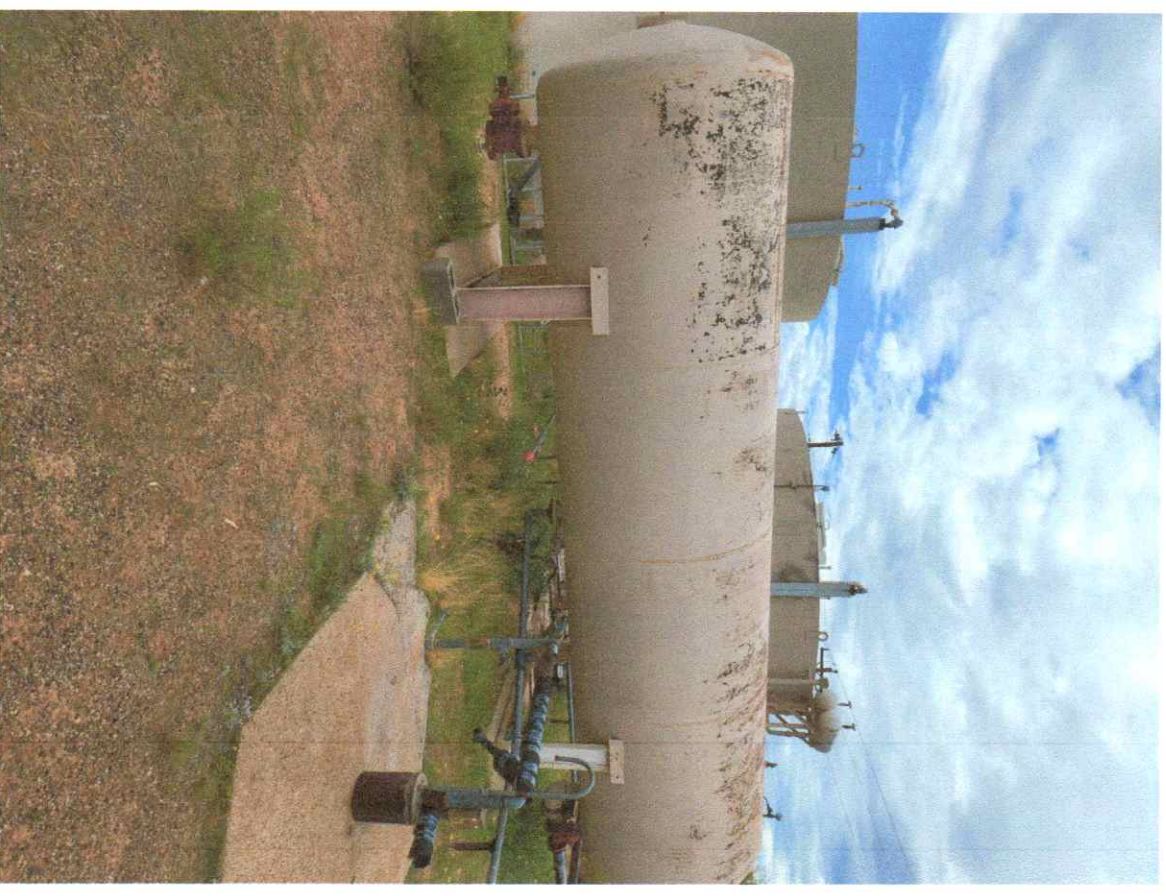


WELL REPAIRS

B-J Drilling to install liner
\$29,250.00

Well, it will be down from two
weeks to one month.

Bulk Water will be hauling
water daily. Members will be
charged the delivery cost of 8
cents per gallon of water they
consume.



Water Bills

- 1. 100% of the water bills are being paid.
- 2. 99% are on time.
- Clean in and around meters is the responsibility of the member. If we have to clean, their will be a \$35 clean fee added to you water bill. The grace period is over.



Certificate of Recognition to

Wild Flower Water Co-Op

In recognition of its dedicated efforts to improve the water system for the rural areas surrounding Tucson in Pima County, Arizona. The Rural Development investment will be used to provide the necessary resources for a Preliminary Engineering Report to address the issues associated with their aging water system.

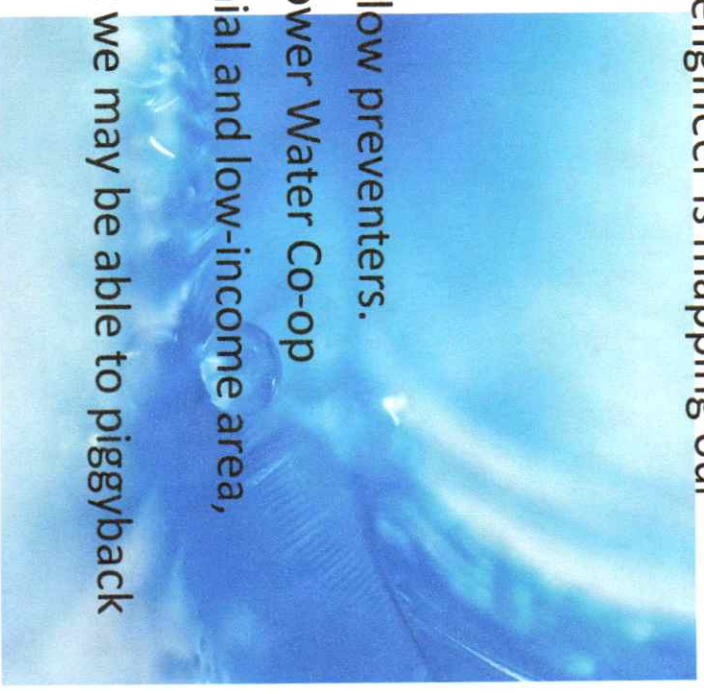
Charlene Fernandez

Charlene Fernandez, Arizona State Director

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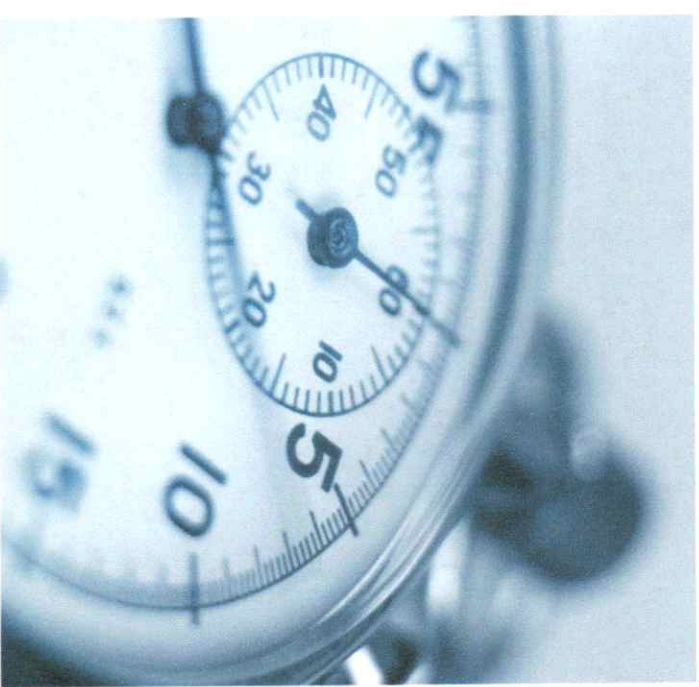
GRANTS

- USDA approved the \$30,000 engineering grant. The engineer is mapping our water system.
- **Improvements to be made:**
- Replace all the distribution lines.
- Replace the distribution system at the well site.
- Replace water meters with digital meters with backflow preventers.
- Drill a second well to meet the needs of the Wild Flower Water Co-op
- Note that this loan is 75% forgivable. We are a colonial and low-income area, which qualifies us for more assistance
- We the board are looking into additional grants that we may be able to piggyback with this grant.



ITEMS IN WORK.

- 1. Need new meters. The life span is 10 years, according to USDA and other agencies. At present, we have replaced a total of 18. Eight these are the new type meters. They can be read from the road electronically. They are tamper-proof.
- 2. Upgrade of the water distribution lines. The 2-inch lines are old and leaking.
- 3. Water loss 30-35 percent.
- 4. We need a liner installed on the well casing due to casing problems. A new liner is scheduled to be installed starting January 6, 2025





WATER LEAKS

- The two-inch line on Brandywine to Raindance is leaking. Had a root ball at one of the unions.
- Root ball plugging water to the meter. Have not located a leak.
- This continues to be a problem. We are addressing these issues with the grant.
- Had leak on 2-inch line. I had to tighten the repair coupling.
- The Rural Water Association is checking for leaks in the main distribution lines. For free. Water lost at 30%

- David

QUESTIONS MAILED IN.

David



OPEN DISCUSSION.



MEETING CONCLUDED

1. Thanks for the participation and support.

David

